

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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THE PACKAGE: PART 1







I'VE BEEN A HIKIKOMORI FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.



A person with dark hair and a mustache is shown from the chest up, holding a white game box with both hands. They are looking down at the box. The background is a simple room with a window on the right.

HEHE
I CAN FINALLY
TRY OUT THE
GAME...



The same person is now seen from behind, standing in front of a large television set. The TV screen is white and blank. The person's hands are on their hips. The room has a window on the right and a set of drawers on the left.

WOW...
THE GRAPHICS
HAVE DEFINITELY
GOTTEN WAY
BETTER.

I WONDER
HOW FUN IT
WILL BE...



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IS THIS A
F%CKING
JOKE?!

THIS
ONE IS
SO MUCH
WORSE!!



WHACK

DAMNIT,
I WAITED ALMOST
FIVE YEARS FOR
THAT...



COMPANIES
LIKE THAT CAN
JUST GO STRAIGHT
TO HELL.

ANYWAY,
WHO THE F**K
ARE THOSE BASTARDS
WHO SAID IT WAS
FUN?

ARE
THEY FREAKING
BLIND?



LET'S
SEE..

ARE
THERE ANY NEW
POSTS..?

SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED TODAY

POSTER : O_O DATE : 2017

FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, I HAVEN'T LEFT MY HOUSE
EXCEPT TO GO TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
THEN TODAY, I HAD TO MAKE A LONG TRIP BECAUSE OF THIS
ONLINE VENDOR WHO INSISTS ON MAKING DIRECT
TRANSACTIONS. ON THE WAY, I WAS SO BUSY STARING
AT THE GROUND TO AVOID PEOPLE'S EYES THAT I GOT
CONFUSED AND GOT OFF AT THE WRONG STATION.
THEN I MET THE VENDOR AND.. MAN.
I WAS STUTTERING LIKE A TOTAL IDIOT THE WHOLE TIME,
AND I THINK I GAVE HER AN EXTRA 10,000 WON BILL BY
ACCIDENT. I THOUGHT ABOUT WHETHER I
SHOULD ASK HER TO CHECK BUT THEN

TWO YEARS?
HE'S STILL A
BEGINNER.

ACCIDENT... I THOUGHT ABOUT WHETHER I
SHOULD ASK HER TO CHECK BUT THEN
I ENDED UP JUST LEAVING WITHOUT
SAYING ANYTHING... AM I AN IDIOT OR WHAT?
I NEVER USED TO BE THIS WAY BUT IT SUDDENLY GOT WAY
FREAKING WORSE... BUT THAT VENDOR WAS KIND OF PRETTY.

TAP TAP

WRITE A COMMENT

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE... DON'T WAIT ANY...

PLAYBOY... SO WHAT DID YOU BUY?

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WRITE A COMMENT

JUST TELL US THE VENDOR'S NUMBER, I WANT TO GO OUT FOR A

PLAYBOY... SO WHAT DID YOU BUY?



AH..
I'M HUNGRY..

I CAN'T
BELIEVE THAT GAME
THAT I STARVED TO SAVE
UP FOR TURNED OUT
TO BE SUCH CRAP.



UGH.
MY HEAD..I

THROB

THE
HUNGER IS
MAKING MY HEAD
HURT EVEN
MORE..



FINN,
GODDAMMIT,
SERIOUSLY!

I NEED
A BREAK...

SSK

WHAT
SHOULD I
DO ABOUT
WORK...?

I REALLY
SHOULD GO OUT
AND LOOK FOR A JOB
TOMORROW.

NO.. IN MY
CURRENT STATE,
I WON'T BE ABLE TO
DO ANYTHING PROPER
AND I WILL JUST GET
KICKED OUT
ANYWAY.



I'LL
START LOOKING
NEXT WEEK.

I THINK I SAID THIS KIND OF THING LAST MONTH, TOO...

WELL, I HAD NO CHOICE AT THE TIME,
I HAD TO FINISH BEATING A GAME THAT I HAD BOUGHT...

BUT I'M REALLY GOING OUT NEXT WEEK...
THIS IS THE END OF MY LIFE AS A HIKKOMORI!

DAMNIT.. I COULD HAVE LIVED
LIKE THIS IF MY DAD WERE STILL ALIVE..





HUH..?



W..WHAT'S
THIS..?





A PACKAGE..?

A black and white illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, standing in a room. They are looking down at a large, rectangular box or package on the floor. The room has a desk with a computer monitor and keyboard to the right, and a chair behind the person. The floor is light-colored, and the walls are dark.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
GETTING ANYTHING
LIKE THIS.



A black and white illustration of a door. The door is dark and has a light-colored handle and lock. The door is set into a wall with vertical paneling. The lighting is dim, creating a somber atmosphere.

DID
SOMEONE
BREAK IN..?

NO,
NO ONE WOULD
HAVE DONE THAT..
THERE WOULD BE NO
REASON TO..

DO I HAVE
DEMENTIA OR
SOMETHING...?

JEEZ,
THIS THING
IS SO HEAVY THAT
IT WON'T EVEN
BUDGE...!



A cartoon illustration of a hand holding a pen. The hand is yellow with black outlines. The pen is black with a silver clip. A speech bubble is coming from the hand.

I GUESS
I DON'T HAVE
MUCH ARM STRENGTH
LEFT AFTER NOT GOING
OUTSIDE FOR
FIVE YEARS..

CLICK

FOR NOW,
LET'S JUST SEE WHAT'S
INSIDE...

CHHH

A hand is shown from the side, holding a thin, cylindrical metal rod. The rod is being used to pry up a square tile on a floor. The tile is slightly raised, and the rod is positioned between the tile and the floor. The background is dark, and the floor is a light gray color.

HUH...?





SOME
LUNATIC...!



GATHERED
ALL OF THE STUFF
THAT I'VE THROWN
OUT AND SENT IT
TO ME AS A
PACKAGE..?!



A close-up, black and white illustration of a man's face. He has dark, spiky hair and is looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. A speech bubble is positioned near his mouth.

YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT LIFE IS
GOING TO BRING
NEXT..



A small, circular speech bubble with a jagged, sunburst-like border. It contains the text 'HUH..?'.

HUH..?



A black and white illustration showing a hand holding a rectangular photograph. The photograph depicts a person standing in a crowd. The background of the illustration is filled with various items, including a hat, a bag, and other objects, suggesting a cluttered or busy environment.

THIS IS..

JHEE
KIM..?



SHE WAS
THE FIRST GIRL
THAT I ASKED OUT
WHEN I WAS
AROUND 20..

SHE REJECTED
ME SO HARSHLY
THAT I HAVEN'T EVEN
SPOKEN TO WOMEN
SINCE THEN..

BUT WHAT'S
THIS DOING IN
HERE_?



To be continued..